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Dam inspections underway

Corps dams and locks report little, if any, quake damage

Portland, Ore. - Initial assessments of Corps of Engineers dams in the Pacific Northwest show little apparent damage following Wednesday morning's earthquake south of Seattle.

"For the most part, things appear to be normal at this time," said John Countee, Emergency Operations Manager for the Corps' Northwestern Division office headquartered here. "It's early yet, but our safety inspection teams report that everything seems to be in order."

Corps personnel at Columbia, Snake, and Willamette River dams report encountering no problems or damage thus far.

A special dam safety team was mobilized to assess the Howard Hanson Dam on the Green River in Washington, situated more closely to the epicenter of the quake. At the Hiram M. Chittenden Locks in Ballard, Wash., a broken water line into an administration building was discovered.

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